

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in Paper No. 13. Claims 5-19 have been cancelled above. New claims 20-35 are presented above and currently pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The objection to the drawings and to the specification are addressed in the amendment to the specification above and the proposed drawing correction submitted with this response, which includes an arrowhead on the lead line from the numeral 9 in Figure 2. This change is indicated in red on the enclosed copy.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable. None of the art shows the combination of features as claimed. Applicant's invention includes a novel, non-obvious use of a flange portion on a drum that cooperates with a hood to provide a passage for inserting an end of a winding cable around the drum so that the end can then be received into the opening in a flange. This is nowhere shown nor suggested by the art.

Applicant submits an Information Disclosure Statement with this Response. That statement includes a copy of the co-pending application Serial No. 09/099,853 as filed (but does not include any changes made during prosecution). The other references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement are from the prosecution of that co-pending application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative would be happy to discuss any such matter with the Examiner and can be reached at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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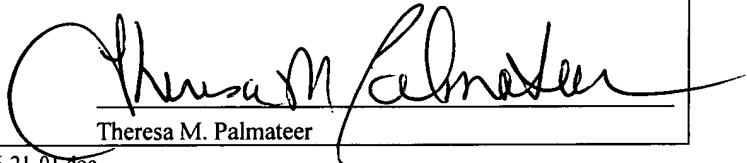


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APPENDIX A

**Version with markings to show changes made
to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 from lines 8-12 with the following:

Hood 6 is shaped in such a way as to have on its base contiguous with plate S, tunnel 13 which, with drum 4, defines peripheral passage 14 permitting manual introduction of engagement lead 15 of cable 3a (or 3b) onto about one turn around drum 4. To that end, the base of drum 4 is extended by flange [1] 16 forming a unit with the drum, the width of which is roughly equal to that of tunnel 13.